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[Luke 1:46-56](#)

Mary's joy was so full that a new song came out of her, her own psalm. Mary's praise starts with her personal experience of God's mercy and favor in being seen by God and chosen as Jesus' mother, then it transitions to what her son's birth will mean for the Israelites who believe in him. Praises for God's mercy, power, provision, and salvation.

Have you ever been so excited about something that you started singing? Our 5-year-old, Foster, will burst into song throughout the day. Typically, these "songs" come out as she plays and is excited about something. But last week she caught me by surprise when we were in her playhouse, and she started singing a song about God. It was her own song, talking about how she loves God, and Jesus is strong and beautiful. I joined her in just telling God how much I love Him in a sing-songy way. I was holding back tears. I'm not always sure where Foster's relationship with God is, and I was overjoyed that God met us in that moment - He inhabits the praise of his people.

Can you praise God with a new song like Mary did? Sing or write a song, poem, or note to God - thinking about the way He has blessed you personally and Christ's impact from generation to generation.

Lord, my soul magnifies you, we lift you up. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. We trust you to keep your promises. We praise you and love you, Lord. I pray that we'll experience your mercy, and we'll show your mercy to others. You are with us. We wait on you and know that you hear us cry out in tears and in joyful moments. You are God with us. Thank you for the joy you bring to me. I love you Lord, Amen.

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